

Texas State Strategic Health Partnership

Sharing Leadership and
Accountability for Public Health in
Texas

Status Report

Workgroup C

Goal – Recognize mental health as a public health issue. Promote mental health and increase individual and community social connections in order to improve prevention, early detection, and treatment of mental disorders.

Workgroup Co-Chairs

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Workgroup Members

- **Jose Camacho** – Texas Association of Community Health Centers, Inc
- **Dr. King Davis** – The Hogg Foundation
- **Merily H. Keller** – Texas Suicide Prevention Partnership
- **Joe Lovelace** – National Alliance for the Mentally Ill – Texas
- **Marcia Rachofsky** – Texas Federation of Families
- **Betsy Schwartz** – Mental Health Association of Greater Houston
- **Dr. Steve Shon/Sam Shore** – TDMHMR
- **Sandy Skelton** – Texas Council of Community MHMR Centers
- **James Smith** – Public Member
- **Beth Stalvey** – Texas Mental Health and Aging Coalition
- **Monica Thyssen** – Children's Mental Health, Advocacy, Inc.

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Workgroup Consultants

- David Evans
- Leon Evans
- Susan Rushing
- David Young
- Domingo Barrios
- Stan Eichenauer
- Kathryn Power
- Dr. Henry Harbin

TDMHMR Summit New Freedom Consultants

- Charles Curie -
Administrator,
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- Gail Hutchings -
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New Freedom Commissioners

- Dr. Larke Huang
- Bob Postlethwait
- Dr. Steve Mayberg
- Dr. Dee Yates

Alternate Delegates

Mental Health
Association:

- Lynn Lasky
- Melanie Gantt

National Association
for the Mentally Ill:

- Jackie Shannon
- Cliff Gay

Achievements

Year 1

- Orientation for Co-chairs
- Workgroup Invitations for Membership
- Review the Relevancy of the President's New Freedom Mental Health Commission Report
- Organizational Meetings (3)
- Recommended Texas Utilize the President's Report and Goals to Review the Texas Public Mental Health System

Achievements (cont.)

- **Recommendation supported by:**
 - Governor Rick Perry
 - Albert Hawkins, Executive Commissioner HHS
 - Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, Commissioner of Health

Adoption of the President's Report
as Framework for Workgroup C
Tasks Announced at September
2003 Symposium

Progress Made Since the Annual Symposium

2003

October – TDMHMR Summit on President's Commission Report

November – Full Workgroup C meeting

- a) Presentation by Camille Miller – background and expectations of the Partnership.
- b) Presentation by Dr. Henry Harbin – alternative structures for the emerging Texas Public Mental Health System.
- c) Chairs met with Victoria Ford, Office of the Governor.

Progress (cont.)

December – No Meeting

2004

January – Executive Workgroup responded to requests from Executive Commissioner Hawkins and Commissioner Sanchez to begin work on mental health system recommendations and to lead the workgroup members in taking actions that will result in improvements in health status of the Public Mental Health System.

Progress (cont.)

February – The executive workgroup produced a draft discussion document on restructuring the financing and organization of the Texas Public Mental Health System.

March – Executive workgroup held individual meetings and phone conversations with stakeholders concerning the content of the draft document.

April – Full workgroup C meeting on draft document.

Progress (cont.)

May –

Full workgroup C meeting on discussion and approval of recommendations on the restructuring and financing of the TPMHS.

Presentation by Kathryn Power, Director Center for Mental Health Services, SAMHSA. Topic: Federal Action Agenda for the President's Mental Health Commission Report

Conference with Commissioner Sanchez and Director Power – Discussion on Texas implementation of the President's Commission and priority demonstration projects:

- Telemedicine
 - Reducing Fragmentation
 - Interface with Primary Care
 - Programs for Co-Occurring Disorders
 - Supported Employment
 - Housing for the Homeless Mentally Ill
 - Increase Services for Children
 - Cultural Competency Enhancement

Progress (cont.)

May (cont.) –

Meeting with Heidi McCullough, Office of the Governor.

Preparation for status report to TSSHP Steering Committee, June 15.

Challenges and Issues

Challenges –

- Finding the overlap in mental health stakeholders' needs and aspirations for the Texas Public Mental Health System
- Moving the knowledge base from micro to macro

Challenges and Issues (cont.)

Issues –

- What will be the most successful restructuring?
- Will the recommended restructuring provide:
 - Improved access and outcomes
 - Increased efficiency
 - Reduce fragmentation
 - Simplified financial systems
 - Increased consumer choice

Recommendations for Consideration by the Steering Committee

- Four Key Functions -

State Behavioral Health Authority

- Develop policies and regulations
- Define eligibility, service criteria
- Set rates
- Determine financing options
- Designate statewide/regional administrative entity(ies)
- Coordinate all HHSC state general funds for the uninsured, block grant funds, and all Medicaid funds for the mentally ill

Statewide or Regional Administrative Entity(ies)

- Determine individual eligibility
- Authorize services
- Provide utilization management using resiliency/disease management principles
- Provide quality management including outcome data
- Pay claims
- Develop and contract with provider network
- Manage state hospital utilization
- Data management: service utilization, demographics, cost, etc.

Local/Regional Coordinating Entity

- Assist in network development
- Provide prevention and education services
- Leverage local, state, and other funding
- Provide public input and advice
- Develop local plans as needed
- Expand consumer input

Provider Network

- Can perform specialty or comprehensive services
- Can be public, private, or non-profit
- Allows consumer choice and competition between providers
- Expand involvement of consumer run entities, faith based groups